

**201.603-3 Appointment.**

(a) Certificates of Appointment executed under the Armed Services Procurement Regulation or the Defense Acquisition Regulation have the same effect as if they had been issued under FAR.

(b) Agency heads may delegate the purchase authority in 213.301 to DoD civilian employees and members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

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**201.670 Appointment of property administrators and plant clearance officers.**

(a) The appropriate agency authority shall appoint or terminate (in writing) property administrators and plant clearance officers.

(b) In appointing qualified property administrators and plant clearance officers, the appointing authority shall consider experience, training, education, business acumen, judgment, character, and ethics.

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**PART 202—DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND TERMS**

AUTHORITY: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR chapter 1.

**Subpart 202.1—Definitions**

**202.101 Definitions.**

*Congressional defense committees* means—

(1) The Committee on Armed Services of the Senate;

(2) The Subcommittee on Defense of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

(3) The Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives; and

(4) The Subcommittee on Defense of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

*Contract administration office* also means a contract management office of the Defense Contract Management Agency.

*Contracting activity* for DoD also means elements designated by the di-

rector of a defense agency which has been delegated contracting authority through its agency charter. DoD contracting activities are—

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Counterintelligence Field Activity  
Department of Defense Education Activity  
TRICARE Management Activity  
Washington Headquarters Services, Acquisition and Procurement Office

ARMY

Headquarters, U.S. Army Contracting Command  
Joint Contracting Command—Iraq/Afghanistan  
National Guard Bureau  
Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training, and Instrumentation  
U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command  
U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Life Cycle Management Command  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
U.S. Army Expeditionary Contracting Command  
U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command  
U.S. Army Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command  
U.S. Army Medical Command  
U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command  
U.S. Army Mission and Installation Contracting Command  
U.S. Army Research, Development, and Engineering Command  
U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command  
U.S. Army Sustainment Command  
U.S. Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Life Cycle Management Command

NAVY

Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Acquisition & Logistics Management)  
Naval Air Systems Command  
Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command  
Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
Naval Inventory Control Point  
Naval Sea Systems Command  
Naval Supply Systems Command  
Office of Naval Research  
Military Sealift Command  
Strategic Systems Programs  
Marine Corps Systems Command  
Installations and Logistics, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps

AIR FORCE

Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition)

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Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary  
(Contracting)  
Air Force Materiel Command  
Air Force Reserve Command  
Air Combat Command  
Air Mobility Command  
Air Education and Training Command  
Pacific Air Forces  
United States Air Forces in Europe  
Air Force Space Command  
Air Force District of Washington  
Air Force Operational Test & Evaluation  
Center  
Air Force Special Operations Command  
United States Air Force Academy  
Aeronautical Systems Center  
Air Armament Center  
Electronic Systems Center  
Space and Missile Systems Center

DEFENSE ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS  
AGENCY

Office of the Deputy Director, Management

DEFENSE BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION AGENCY  
Contracting Office

DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY  
Directorate of Contracting

DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
Office of the Director, Defense Contract  
Management Agency

DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE  
External Services, Defense Finance and Ac-  
counting Service

DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS AGENCY  
Defense Information Technology Con-  
tracting Organization

DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
Office of Procurement  
Defense Logistics Agency  
DLA Acquisition (J-7)  
DLA Aviation  
DLA Energy  
DLA Land and Maritime  
DLA Troop Support

DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY  
Contracting Division

DEFENSE SECURITY SERVICE  
Acquisition and Contracting Branch

DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY  
Acquisition Management Office

MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY  
Headquarters, Missile Defense Agency

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Procurement and Contracting Office

NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY  
Headquarters, National Security Agency

UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS  
COMMAND  
Headquarters, United States Special Oper-  
ations Command

UNITED STATES TRANSPORTATION COMMAND  
Directorate of Acquisition

*Contracting officer's representative*  
means an individual designated and au-  
thorized in writing by the contracting  
officer to perform specific technical or  
administrative functions.

*Departments and agencies*, as used in  
DFARS, means the military depart-  
ments and the defense agencies. The  
military departments are the Depart-  
ments of the Army, Navy, and Air  
Force (the Marine Corps is a part of the  
Department of the Navy). The defense  
agencies are the Defense Advanced Re-  
search Projects Agency, the Defense  
Business Transformation Agency, the  
Defense Commissary Agency, the De-  
fense Contract Management Agency,  
the Defense Finance and Accounting  
Service, the Defense Information Sys-  
tems Agency, the Defense Intelligence  
Agency, the Defense Logistics Agency,  
the Defense Security Cooperation  
Agency, the Defense Security Service,  
the Defense Threat Reduction Agency,  
the Missile Defense Agency, the Na-  
tional Geospatial-Intelligence Agency,  
and the National Security Agency.

*Department of Defense (DoD)*, as used  
in DFARS, means the Department of  
Defense, the military departments, and  
the defense agencies.

*Executive agency* means for DoD, the  
Department of Defense, the Depart-  
ment of the Army, the Department of  
the Navy, and the Department of the  
Air Force.

*General public and non-governmental*  
entities, as used in the definition of  
*commercial item* at FAR 2.101, do not in-  
clude the Federal Government or a  
State, local, or foreign government  
(Pub. L. 110-181, section 815(b)).

*Head of the agency* means, for DoD,  
the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary  
of the Army, the Secretary of the  
Navy, and the Secretary of the Air

Force. Subject to the direction of the Secretary of Defense, the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), and the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, the directors of the defense agencies have been delegated authority to act as head of the agency for their respective agencies (i.e., to perform functions under the FAR or DFARS reserved to a head of agency or agency head), except for such actions that by terms of statute, or any delegation, must be exercised within the Office of the Secretary of Defense. (For emergency acquisition flexibilities, see 218.270.)

*Procedures, Guidance, and Information (PGI)* means a companion resource to the DFARS that—

(1) Contains mandatory internal DoD procedures. The DFARS will direct compliance with mandatory procedures using imperative language such as “Follow the procedures at \* \* \*” or similar directive language;

(2) Contains non-mandatory internal DoD procedures and guidance and supplemental information to be used at the discretion of the contracting officer. The DFARS will point to non-mandatory procedures, guidance, and information using permissive language such as “The contracting officer may use \* \* \*” or “Additional information is available at \* \* \*” or other similar language;

(3) Is numbered similarly to the DFARS, except that each PGI numerical designation is preceded by the letters “PGI”; and

(4) Is available electronically at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/index.htm>.

*Senior procurement executive* means, for DoD—

Department of Defense (including the defense agencies)—Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics);

Department of the Army—Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology);

Department of the Navy—Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition);

Department of the Air Force—Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition).

The directors of the defense agencies have been delegated authority to act as senior procurement executive for their respective agencies, except for such actions that by terms of statute, or any delegation, must be exercised by the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics).

*Tiered evaluation of offers*, also known as *cascading evaluation of offers*, means a procedure used in negotiated acquisitions, when market research is inconclusive for justifying limiting competition to small business concerns, whereby the contracting officer—

(1) Solicits and receives offers from both small and other than small business concerns;

(2) Establishes a tiered or cascading order of precedence for evaluating offers that is specified in the solicitation; and

(3) If no award can be made at the first tier, evaluates offers at the next lower tier, until award can be made.

*Simplified acquisition threshold*, in addition to the meaning at FAR 2.101, means \$300,000 when soliciting or awarding contracts to be awarded and performed outside the United States, or making purchases outside the United States, for acquisitions of supplies and services that, as determined by the head of the contracting activity, are to be used to support a humanitarian or peacekeeping operation, as defined at FAR 2.101.

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